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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca District (WD), Humboldt River Field Office has prepared the Grass Valley 120kV Transmission Line Preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA). This EA analyzes the effects of issuing a right-of-way to Nevada Energy that would allow construction of a new 120kV transmission line, including a 25kV distribution underbuild, in the Grass Valley area of Winnemucca, Nevada, Township 35 North, Range 38 East, section 6. The project proposal is to construct approximately one mile of new transmission line with a 25kV underbuild and upgrade the existing Grass Valley substation from a 60kV substation to 120kV substation. The new transmission line would connect the Grass Valley substation to an existing 120kV transmission that ties into the Winnemucca substation. The construction of the new transmission line proposes to reduce the power load placed on the 60kV power distribution system and improve the reliability of service for the Winnemucca area.

You are invited to submit substantive comments on the preliminary EA through June 25, 2012. The preliminary EA can be viewed by following the links from the Winnemucca District's NEPA home page at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo/blm_information/nepa0.html. Hard copies of the preliminary EA are also available at the WD. Please send written comments to Julie McKinnon, project lead, at the address above. Comments may also be submitted by email to wfoweb@blm.gov with "Grass Valley 120kV (McKinnon)" in the subject line.

Public comments submitted for this project, including names and addresses of commenters will be available for public review at the WDO during regular business hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for federal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment -including personal identifying information may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in our comment to withhold personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

After the public review period on the preliminary EA has ended, comments will be analyzed and considered in finalizing the EA. If you have any questions, please contact Julie McKinnon, project lead, at (775) 623-1734.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Truden", with a stylized, cursive script.

Michael Truden
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